Governor's Arts Awards Luncheon Friday, March 17, 2000 11:30 a.m.

Old Capitol Inn

\*Audience of approximately 300. You are welcoming the audience and introducing the First Lady to give the invocation. Make sure that you are will microphoned or that you speak loudly enough.

Good Morning.

On behalf of the Mississippi Arts Commission and the State of Mississippi, I would like to welcome you today as we celebrate the rich artistic heritage we share in our state.

The winners of this year's awards reflect a wealth of talent and love of the arts. We are pleased to honor them today.

Before we begin our lunch, I would like to ask

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someone very special to me to come forward to give the invocation. It is my honor to introduce the greatest asset of the State of Mississippi, the First Lady, Melanie Musgrove.